

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

In re:

Case No.14-53813

JENNA DOROTHY GRUNAS,

Chapter 7

Debtor.

Judge Thomas J. Tucker

**ORDER DENYING DEBTOR'S MOTION TO REOPEN CASE,
BUT WAIVING FILING FEE FOR MOTION TO REOPEN**

This case is before the Court on the Debtor's motion to reopen this bankruptcy case, filed on May 6, 2015 (Docket # 59, the "Motion"). The Motion seeks (1) to reopen the case for the purpose of "giv[ing Debtor] the opportunity to redeem her vehicle"; and (2) waiver of the filing fee for the Motion. The Court will deny the Motion because it is now too late for the Debtor to redeem her vehicle in this bankruptcy case, based on the deadlines in 11 U.S.C. §§ 521(a)(2)(B), 521(a)(6)(B), and Fed.R.Bankr.P. 1019(1)(B). Because no purpose would be served by reopening this bankruptcy case, cause does not exist to reopen this case under 11 U.S.C. § 350(b).

After converting this case to Chapter 7, the Debtor timely filed her statement of intentions (Docket # 45). The deadline for performing the stated intention (redeeming her vehicle) was Monday, March 23, 2015 under 11 U.S.C. § 521(a)(2)(B) (February 19, 2015 plus 30 days = March 23, 2015); or, at the latest, Monday, April 6, 2015 under 11 U.S.C. § 521(a)(6)(B) (February 19, 2015 plus 45 days = April 6, 2015).

The Debtor did not meet either deadline, and under the wording of § 521(a)(2)(B), the Court cannot extend the deadline, because the Debtor did not file a motion to extend the deadline before it expired.

Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Motion (Docket # 59) is denied, except to the extent provided in paragraph 2, below.
2. To the extent the Motion seeks a waiver of the filing fee for the motion to reopen, the Motion is granted, and any such filing fee is waived.

Signed on May 07, 2015

/s/ Thomas J. Tucker

Thomas J. Tucker

United States Bankruptcy Judge